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1. AS WE NOTED IN REF B, PROVIDING CU/NEA GRANTS TO CIP PARTICIPANTS MAY NOT BE BEST METHOD OF MEETING OUR EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL EXCHANGE OBJECTIVES IN OMAN. SINGLE CIP PARTICIPANT NOW IN U.S. IS A NURSE WITH MINHEALTH. SHE IS COMPETENT, BUT WE DOUBT SHE WILL RISE TO POSITION OF SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER RESPONSIBILITY. IT MAY BE THAT MINHEALTH WOULD BE WILLING TO FINANCE A 1977 CIP PARTICIPANT ON ITS OWN, THOUGH WE THINK IT WOULD CONSIDER THE COST TOO HIGH COMPARED TO OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES CLOSER TO HOME. FOR OUR PART, WE DO NOT WISH TO COMMIT OURSELVES ONE WAY OR OTHER ON USING CU/NEAMUNDS FOR CIP UNTIL WASHINGTON'S RESPONSE TO OUR A-36 REGARDING FY-77 PROGRAM IS IN HAND.

2. IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES OMAN'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN CIP IS ADVISABLE, PLEASE GIVE US PARTICULARS AND WE WILL CONSIDER APPROACHING OMANGOV TO SEE WHETHER MINHEALTH WOULD BE WILLING TO FINANCE OR SHARE IN FINANCING PARTICIPANT FOR 1977 CIP CONFERENCE. ALTERNATIVELY, OLLENDORFF MAY WISH TO MAKE APPROACH HIMSELF THIS FALL, AT WHICH TIME PRESENT PARTICIPANT WILL BE BACK AND MINHEALTH CAN BETTER SIZE UP BENEFITS ACHIEVED, WHICH MAY PROVE POSITIVE FACTOR IN ITS DECISION.

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